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TAGS: OVIP (NIXON, RICHARD M.) CH US

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMO: NIXON TRAVEL PLANS

REF: STATE 040664 TOSEC 40119

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EA - ROBERT MILLER, ACTING

1. CHINESE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT LOS ANGELES AND TOOK OFF
APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE AT 12:20 P.M. WITH NIXON PARTY
ABOARD.

2. WE HAD A REPORT EARLY THIS MORNING THAT A COURT
MARSHAL WAS ATTEMPTING TO SERVE WRIT OF ATTACHMENT. THIS
NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A GARBLE BY A LA POLICEMAN, BUT
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IN ANY EVENT WRIT WAS NOT SERVED ON THE AIRCRAFT.

3. PRIOR TO ABOVE REPORT, PRCLO TELEPHONED IDENTICAL MESSAGE TO EA/PRCM AND SOLOMON, MAIN POINTS BEING THAT USG WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IF ANYTHING DELAYED PLANE DEPARTURE AND IF DELAY OCCURRED, "OUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE CREW, WOULD GO BACK TO CHINA, LEAVING THE PLANE TO THE CARE OF THE USG FOR RETURNING IT TO OUR COUNTRY."

4. WE WILL NOW FOCUS ON QUESTION OF RETURN FLIGHT AND SEND YOU A RECOMMENDATION.

5. WE ARE SEEKING WHITE HOUSE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER AMBASSADOR HODGSON SHOULD MEET THE PLANE DURING ONE HOUR TOKYO STOPOVER.

6. CHINESE HAVE INVITED "TEN PLUS" SENIOR USLO OFFICERS AND WIVES TO ATTEND WELCOME BANQUET SUNDAY NIGHT AND CULTURAL EVENT MONDAY NIGHT. AFTER CONSULTING NSC, WE ARE CONCURRING USLO PROPOSAL THAT ACTING CHIEF PLUS THREE COUNSELORS AND WIVES ACCEPT THE INVITATION. (FOR USLO: THIS CONSTITUTES AUTHORIZATION.) INGERSOLL

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